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Public Assistance Gearing for FAIM Evolution

New federal regulations and legislative changes to the Families Achieving Independence in Montana (FAIM) program highlighted discussion last month in Helena for public assistance county directors, supervisors and central office staff.

The quarterly combined management meeting focused on exciting changes being initiated in response to the "message" heard throughout the 1999 Legislature — "FAIM is a great program, but it's time to begin looking at FAIM Phase II." This theme is consistent with input received from FAIM Coordinators and WoRC operators.

As public assistance employees approach the next biennium, they will implement new statutes requiring changes to FAIM sanctioning and to study the effects of sanctioning. They are also encouraged to develop intermediate, more intensive services that could help families avoid sanctions.

Additionally, changes in federal TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) regulations, released in mid-April, will allow for more flexibility within FAIM, and could make FAIM a transitional program to support and reward working families who stay employed. Public assistance staff plan to solicit feedback from communities and staff about needed changes for the next phase of welfare reform.

One budget proposal approved by the Legislature provides flexibility to develop specific services to address employment barriers FAIM participants face. Enhanced employment and training services, chemical dependency counseling, increased child care funds and other "safety net" services set Montana in motion to enter FAIM Phase II.

A large portion of the meeting was also dedicated to:

- Discussion about future challenges to the FAIM program.
- Collaboration with county governments to develop better funding solutions for public assistance programs.
- Working together with communities to develop intensive services to help FAIM participants achieve success.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

National Safety Month
National Scleroderma Awareness Month

June 8
Governor's Council on Families
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Labor & Industry Building Room 104, Helena
Contact: Kate Potter, 444-9772

June 9-10
FAIM Statewide Advisory Council
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cogswell Building, Room C209B, Helena

June 10
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tobacco Free-Montana Coalition meeting
Jorgenson's, 1720 11th Ave., Helena.
Contact Chris Deveny, 444-2555

June 11
8.30 a.m.-noon
Tobacco Free-Montana Coalition meeting
Jorgenson's, 1720 11th Ave., Helena.
Contact Chris Deveny, 444-2555

June 18
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
MT Public Health Improvement Task Force Meeting
Kalispell
Contact: Melanie Reynolds, 444-4474

June 22
10:30 a.m.-2.30 p.m.
State Advisory Council on Food & Nutrition, Bozeman
Contact: Crystelle Fogle, 444-2672

June 23
10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Eat Right Montana Nutrition Coalition, Bozeman
Contact. Crystelle Fogle, 444-2672

June 23
Satellite Conference: "Coping with Change through Strategic Management. The Experience of Four State Health Departments"
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Sanders Building, Room 307
Contact. Melanie Reynolds, 444-4474

June 24-25
Conference on Recognizing, Treating & Preventing Childhood Depression
Doubletree Inn, Missoula
Contact: 442-4276

July 5
HOLIDAY - INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED

July 7
Fetal Infant Child Mortality Review (FICMR)
State Review Team Meeting, Helena
Contact: Debby Henderson, 444-2794

A Message From the Director:

Laurie Ekanger
DPHHS Director

Dedicated Employees Make Session Successful

The Legislature has ended and summer is nearly here. What a perfect time of the year!

To help illustrate the degree to which a state agency absorbs itself during the Legislature, I thought it would be informative to list all the bills DPHHS initiated during the session, as well as others that our employees "tracked" by providing testimony, general information or simple progress monitoring. This may also help prevent any surprises about new legislation.

You'll find these lists on this page, as well as pages 6 and 7. And remember, these are only a few of the bills in which DPHHS employees took a professional interest.

My sincere compliments go to staff members who had a role in legislative assistance: Lawmakers approved 15 of the 16 bills DPHHS initiated, and every bill that DPHHS supported or asked to be amended was successful.

If you'd like additional information about any of these bills, you can view them on the Internet (http://laws.leg.state.mt.us/law/plsql/law0203w$.startup) or contact our legal office at 444-4094.

Or, if you'd prefer to forget about bills and testimony and hearings, just kick back and enjoy the summer. After all, the 2001 Legislature is just 18 months away!

Bills Initiated By DPHHS

Bill Type - Number	LC Number	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title
HB 70	LC0209	Joan Hurdle	Chapter Number Assigned	03/24/1999	License adult foster care facilities for other purposes
HB 126	LC0130	Royal Johnson	Chapter Number Assigned	04/20/1999	Provide for the use of automated external defibrillators
HB 127	LC0232	Royal Johnson	Chapter Number Assigned	05/10/1999	Generally revise child support enforcement laws to improve services
HB 131	LC0688	Betty Lou Kasten	(H) 3rd Reading Failed*	03/25/1999	Tobacco settlement proceeds use
HB 170	LC0234	Gay Ann Masolo	Chapter Number Assigned	03/19/1999	Revise renal treatment laws
HB 180	LC0208	Loren Soft	Chapter Number Assigned	04/23/1999	Guardianship petition for youth in need of care
SB 30	LC0230	Don Hargrove	Chapter Number Assigned	02/20/1999	Extend applicability of child support enforcement laws
SB 62	LC0233	Bob Keenan	Chapter Number Assigned	02/20/1999	Extend medical savings account law
SB 76	LC0231	Tom A Beck	Chapter Number Assigned	02/20/1999	Revise assignment of support rights
SB 77	LC0229	Bob Keenan	Chapter Number Assigned	02/20/1999	Revise applicability of prevailing wage on competitive bid public contracts

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Child Support Administrator Wellbank Chosen to Lead National Organization

Mary Ann Wellbank, Administrator of the DPHHS Child Support Enforcement Division, has been selected by her colleagues from across the nation to become President of the National Council of State Child Support Enforcement Administrators (NCSCSEA).

The council promotes policy development to improve the federal Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement Program. The national group also provides a forum for state IV-D Child Support Enforcement Administrators to discuss common problems and solutions associated with child support programs; provides a structure for communicating Council issues with federal agencies; and maintains continuing dialogue with federal agencies on matters of concern to the Council.

Wellbank, who has served as CSED Administrator for the past seven years, previously served as Secretary and Vice President of NCSCSEA.

"It is a real honor to serve in this position," Wellbank said. "It will allow Montana to continue to be involved in national policy development."

2nd Annual DPHHS Charity Tourney for Hope Project August 20

Make plans to participate in the second annual DPHHS charity golf tournament August 20 to raise money for the Montana Hope Project and fulfill the wishes of critically ill Montana children.

The Hope Project, started in 1984, has granted more than 130 wishes, with all funding received through donations and fund-raising events.

The golf tourney, open to the public, takes place at Fox Ridge Golf Course in Helena, corner of York Road and Lake Helena Drive. Play will consist of nine holes of regulation and nine holes on the par three course in a five-person scramble format.

Players are asked to check in by 8:30 a.m.; tourney play begins at 10 a.m. Cost is $45 per person, which includes green fees, entry for prize drawings and lunch. Carts are optional and cost $16. There are no restrictions to team membership; if you want to play and don't have a full team, contact Robert Rule at 444-6794 or 227-2601.

Entry forms are available at Fox Ridge Golf Course and Diamondback Golf.

Each player from the top four teams will receive trophies. Other prizes are as follows:

- Set of Taylor Made golf clubs by Fox Ridge Pro Shop
- 4x4 ATV by Helena Cycle Center
- 1999 Chevy S10 by Power Chevrolet
- Vacations
- Pin prizes

Entries are due by August 13. Return forms and payment to Noon's (formerly Jay's Gasamat on Montana Avenue), or to Fox Ridge Golf Course. Make checks payable to Montana Hope Project.
Or mail to:
ROBERT V. RULE,
C/O: HOPE
PROJECT GOLF
3768 DUDLEY ST.,
EAST HELENA,
MT 59635.

INTRODUCTIONS

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Once upon a time, Jackie Jandt found time for horses, country living and watching sunsets. As the program coordinator for the Community Incentive Program (CIP) since December 1998, Jackie is now immersed in the ambitious task of fulfilling the CIP mission: *"Build one voice for Prevention"* in Montana.

CIP is a three-year, $9-million cooperative agreement with the federal government to develop a comprehensive statewide strategy for the reduction of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use among Montana's youth. The strategy will use a risk and protective framework for prevention, with most of the funds (85 percent) distributed to communities.

"Patient but persistent" is how Jackie describes herself when explaining how to manage such an imposing task *and* oversee a huge sum of money that everyone wants. "Integrating all prevention services and ensuring the different federal requirements are met" will challenge the speed in which CIP activities proceed, Jandt said. Great care and time are needed to develop a comprehensive community-based model of prevention that will be sustained long into the future, she added.

Jandt's vast scope of responsibilities include: managing daily CIP expenses, reporting, planning activities, tracking implementation, monitoring effectiveness of community-based programs, and recommending policy and procedures. She also oversees a staff of five people who assist her with coordinating and delivering training and technical assistance to communities across the state. Jandt and her staff are certified to provide "Communities that Care" training, which facilitates communities' abilities to integrate risk and protective prevention plans. Her travels throughout Montana has led Jackie to appreciate and applaud the many dedicated community members and state employees who have a true passion for prevention and the future of children.

Jandt began her DPHHS career in the Medicaid Services Division in 1992, becoming known as the "Refinance Queen" because of her partnerships with other agencies to optimize funding streams. Jackie, who also completed the DPHHS Management Intern Program, credits the strong mentoring of Mary Dalton and Nancy Ellery for providing her a chance to grow professionally.

Her strong dedication to children motivates her. When she is not consumed by CIP activities, Jackie participates in 4-H and spends time with her husband of 10 years. But most importantly, she is amused by her Dalmatian Dyllan, who has a weirder sense of humor then herself.

DPHHS Bureau Honored

Michelle Thibodeau, chief of the Disability Determination Services Bureau for DPHHS, accepted the Social Security Administration's highest honor, the Commissioner's Citation, on behalf of her 40-member staff during a special ceremony at the DDS office last month. Presenting the award were Gov. Marc Racicot and Richard Gonzales, regional Social Security Administrator.

Summertime Sizzle: Advice for Healthy Barbeque Fun

Summertime is barbecue time in Montana. As the days get longer and warmer, our taste buds naturally long for the savory flavor of food cooked on outdoor grills. Fortunately, barbecue meals can also be quick, easy, and tasty ways to get the nutrients our bodies need for summer fun.

"Grilled foods can be a delicious way to pump nutrients into summer meals," says Phyllis Dennee, MS, of Montana Extension Service at MSU-Bozeman. "Serve up sizzling Montana beef, or your favorite lean meat, with a variety of summer produce – and you've got a nutrition combination that can't be beat."

According to Dennee, lean beef is a delicious source of protein, iron, zinc, and other nutrients for everyone in your family. Lean beef, like cuts from the round and the loin, makes great grilled entrées. When using cuts from the round, maximize tenderness by marinating at least six hours before cooking. Loin cuts, which are naturally more tender, can be marinated for 15 minutes to 2 hours to enhance flavor.

Eat Right Montana, a statewide network of health and nutrition professionals, urges Montanans to be adventurous with their summer meals. Adding fruits and vegetables to barbecues can enhance the absorption of iron – and pump up your intake of cancer-fighting phytochemicals at the same time.

"Almost any fruit or vegetable can be grilled – just like meats, poultry and fish," says Dennee. "Cut your favorite produce into fairly thick slices, brush with a little olive oil, and grill until tender. A layer of cooking foil with a few holes may be necessary for softer items like summer squash or peaches." For a twice-as-nice taste treat, grill an extra steak and a few more veggies. Slice the steak thinly, mix with the vegetables, and serve on a bed of fresh Romaine lettuce with vinaigrette dressing. Voila – instant lunch!

Pumping Up Your Iron Intake:

Go for food first, supplements second

Iron is an important nutrient for everyone – from tiny babies to active seniors. Iron helps your body carry oxygen. Iron is also critically important in learning and in fighting disease. Food is the #1 place to get iron and other nutrients, because:

- **Nutrients that your body uses at the same time, like iron, zinc and protein, are often found in the same food.**
- **Many nutrients are better absorbed from food than pills.**
- **Food provides the energy you need, along with GREAT taste!**

Before you pop an iron supplement, use these tasty tips to pump your iron intake.

HIGH IRON FOODS:

Choose high iron foods from all the layers of the Food Guide Pyramid.

- Look for **iron fortified** and **whole grain breads** and **cereals.**
- Enjoy more **broccoli, spinach, prunes, raisins** and **dried apricots.**
- Choose **lean meats,** like **beef cuts from the round and loin.**
- Eat plenty of other protein foods, like **dried beans, poultry** and **fish.**

Anniversary Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Pete Surdock,** Addictive and Mental Disorders Division in Helena, and **Nicholas Kopp,** Montana State Hospital, who were recognized for **30 years** of state government service in May.

In addition, the following DPHHS employees received recognition for **25 years:**

Bruci Ann Hall DSD Great Falls
Barbara Hinsz MVH Columbia Falls
James Nolan HCSD Helena
Cathy Orrino MSH Warm Springs
Carol Paull MSH Warm Springs
Norma Lee Williams MVH Columbia Falls

Those honored for **20 years** were:
Edward Amberg MSH Warm Springs
Helen Amberg MSH Warm Springs
Eileen Page HCSD Missoula
Betty Pettibone HCSD Great Falls
Janice Schindele CFSD Great Falls
John Philip Sevores MSH Warm Springs
Peggy Williams DSD Helena
Tana Wing MDC, Boulder

Congratulations and thanks for your faithful and devoted service!

Bills Initiated By DPHHS, *Continued. . .*

SB 81	LC0449	John Harp	Chapter Number Assigned	05/07/1999	Establish children's health insurance program
SB 93	LC0206	Don Hargrove	Chapter Number Assigned	02/18/1999	Revise subsidized adoption law
SB 101	LC0211	Eve Franklin	Chapter Number Assigned	03/24/1999	Clarify emergency service infectious disease laws
SB 114	LC0228	Fred Thomas	Chapter Number Assigned	03/23/1999	Set requirements for worker's comp coverage for FAIM project participants
SB 116	LC0131	Bill Glaser	Chapter Number Assigned	03/19/1999	Generally revise statutes relating to health care facilities
SB 124	LC0235	Tom A Beck	Chapter Number Assigned	04/06/1999	Generally revise laws relating to mental health

Other Bills of Interest to DPHHS

SB 353	LC1465	Eve Franklin	Chapter Number Assigned	04/23/1999	Establish limits on sanctions of food stamps, medicaid, and childcare recipients
HB 54	LC0341	Red Menahan	Chapter Number Assigned	04/22/1999	Creating the criminal offense of assault with a bodily fluid
HB 266	LC0963	Mary Anne Guggenheim	Chapter Number Assigned	04/23/1999	Revise coverage and treatment reqs for pku to include other disorders, med foods
HB 269	LC1251	Brad Molnar	(H) Died in Process*	04/22/1999	Establish a family advocacy program
HB 275	LC0528	Beverly Barnhart	Chapter Number Assigned	04/23/1999	Establish statewide & community long-term planning for the aging population
HB 276	LC0530	Beverly Barnhart	(H) Missed Deadline for Appropriation Bill Transmittal*	03/26/1999	Community ombudsman in areas with assisted living facilities
HB 313	LC0074	Bob Raney	(S) Died in Standing Committee*	04/22/1999	Creat the child support assurance program
HB 349	LC1272	Bill Thomas	Chapter Number Assigned	03/23/1999	Waive performance security waiver for certain county projects
HB 515	LC0512	Larry Grinde	Chapter Number Assigned	04/29/1999	Provide interim study of competition by state political subdiv in private sector
HB 554	LC1399	Billie Krenzler	(H) Missed Deadline for Appropriation Bill Transmittal*	03/26/1999	Insurance commissioner oversight of mental health managed care
HB 607	LC1508	Loren Soft	Chapter Number Assigned	04/29/1999	Regulate health carriers and managed care entities

Other Bills of Interest to DPHHS *Continued. . .*

HB 613	LC1598	Jeff Mangan	(H) Missed Deadline for Appropriation Bill Transmittal*	03/26/1999	DPHHS to administer tobacco education curriculum
HB 616	LC0927	Monica Lindeen	Chapter Number Assigned	04/29/1999	Provide for the receipt of public comment by electronic mail
HB 625	LC1586	Peggy Bergsagel	Chapter Number Assigned	04/20/1999	Family impact statements
HB 660	LC0904	Red Menahan	Chapter Number Assigned	04/29/1999	Provide severance benefits for laid off MSH employees
SB 353	LC1465	Eve Franklin	Chapter Number Assigned	04/23/1999	Establish limits on sanctions of food stamps, medicaid, and childcare recipients
SB 385	LC1160	Duane Grimes	(S) Missed Deadline for Appropriation Bill Transmittal*	03/26/1999	Study of health care endowment and develop information data base
SB 388	LC0527	Chris Christiaens	Chapter Number Assigned	04/23/1999	Add naturopathic physician to hc provider freedom of choice;require hsc coverage
SB 491	LC0945	Duane Grimes	(S) Missed Deadline for Appropriation Bill Transmittal*	03/26/1999	Require mental health managed care to be subject to HMO requirements
SB 534	LC1913	Bob Keenan	Chapter Number Assigned	05/07/1999	Generally revise laws regarding public mental health delivery
HB 73	LC0348	Sam Rose	Chapter Number Assigned	03/16/1999	Revise license procedures for certain businesses/transfer functions to revenue
HB 329	LC0796	Robert C Clark	(H) 2nd Reading Pass Motion Failed*	02/20/1999	Seatbelt violation as standard violation
HB 366	LC1000	Betty Lou Kasten	Chapter Number Assigned	05/07/1999	Revise the laws governing child protective services
HB 367	LC0930	Beverly Barnhart	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	03/01/1999	Revise laws relating to food establishments
HB 368	LC1556	Beverly Barnhart	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	03/31/1999	Submit medium risk food manufacturing establishment fee to electorate
HB 470	LC1739	Betty Lou Kasten	Chapter Number Assigned	05/07/1999	Revise TANF block grant maintenance of effort percentage
HB 474	LC0909	Chase Hibbard	Chapter Number Assigned	03/27/1999	Board of personnel appeals to redetermine appropriate bargaining units
HB 676	LC1581	John Witt	Chapter Number Assigned	04/20/1999	Revise laws governing non-assumed counties
SB 6	LC0119	Don Hargrove	Chapter Number Assigned	02/20/1999	Revise drug precursor laws

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